

reference the prior application by including, in the application-as-filed, a statement that such specifically enumerated prior application or applications are "hereby incorporated herein by reference." The statement may appear in the specification or in the application transmittal letter. The inclusion of this incorporation by reference of the prior application(s) will permit an applicant to amend the continuing application to include any subject matter in such prior application(s), without the need for a petition.

The instant continuation application was filed on August 29, 2000, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). U.S. Application Ser. No. 08/803,165 was incorporated by reference in applicants' August 29, 2000, transmittal letter for the instant continuation application. (See applicants' August 29, 2000, Request for Filing a Continuation Application at 2). Enclosed Figure 1 corresponds to the drawing, as originally filed, in U.S. Application Ser. No. 08/803,165. Therefore, no new matter enters by the addition of this figure to the instant continuation application.

Applicants respectfully request that submission of Formal Drawings be held in abeyance until the application is allowed.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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